

B' 108. (New) The kit of claim 28, wherein said signal processor determines the progress and time of completion of said assay in said device from the absolute amount of signal.

The foregoing new claims are fully supported by the specification as filed, and do not introduce new matter or require a new search. For example, specific label molecules are described in the specification on page 15-18; assay devices that are immunoassay devices on page 32, lines 4-11; fluorometric optical components on page 35, lines 12-28; reaction chambers and diagnostic lanes within capillary spaces on page 36, lines 14-25; and labels attached to members of binding pairs on page 37, line 29, through page 38, line 13.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should any matters remain outstanding, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the address and telephone number listed below so that they may be resolved without the need for additional action and response thereto.

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